MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS

FROM: NGB/CF

 The holiday season is a special time to reflect on those things that are important to us. It provides us an opportunity to express our gratitude to those who inspire, support, and care for us. Thank you, to each of you, for all you have done this past year. Your dedication and service to your country have been truly inspiring.

 The noted author Donald Westlake said it best, "*As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same.*" As we focus on our own families and friends during this festive season, I ask that you continue to remember your Wingman responsibilities. It is important that we watch out for one another and take on the task of getting those in need the help they deserve. We cannot let any of our folks fall through the cracks. This is a time when we come together as families and communities, but we must not forget our extended family: the men and women of the Air National Guard.

 Each year, the Air Force loses valuable Wingmen to careless and avoidable accidents. If you are traveling during the holidays, please ensure you are prepared properly and you have had enough rest to keep you alert. This is important regardless of your mode of transportation. Vigilance and good situational awareness at all times is extremely important. Above all…please do not drink and drive. This nation needs all of you back to work in the New Year.

 It is difficult to express adequately just how much Nancy and I appreciate the hard work and commitment you bring to the duty of defending our nation. From our family to yours, we wish you a joyous holiday season and best wishes in the coming New Year. Happy Holidays!

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